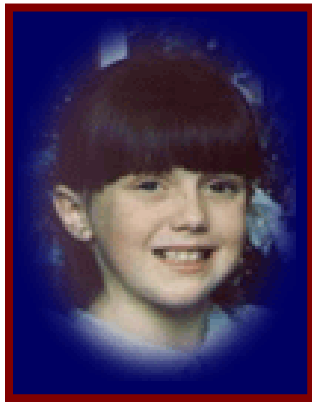


Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan

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America's
Missing
Broadcast
Emergency
Response

The Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan is named for 9-year-old Amber Hagerman of Arlington, Texas. In 1996, she was abducted while riding her bicycle and brutally murdered.

This Plan organizes a rapid response by law enforcement, state agencies, broadcasters, and the public to recover an abducted child and apprehend the suspect.

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I. Intent and Purpose

AMBER Alert in Idaho is a program of voluntary cooperation between broadcasters, cable systems, and local and state agencies to enhance the public's ability to assist in recovering abducted children. AMBER Alert notification is supported by the AMBER Alert Web Portal and the Emergency Alert System (EAS). The Federal Communications Commission has authorized activation of the EAS for alerts, using the "Child Abduction Emergency" Code.

II. Scope and Authority of Statewide and Local AMBER Alert Plans

The Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee oversees the AMBER Alert process flow, agency responsibilities, and after action review. The Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan solely governs and authorizes the use of the AMBER Alert Web Portal for AMBER Alerts throughout Idaho State. The Idaho State Emergency Alert System Plan solely governs and authorizes the use of the Emergency Alert System for AMBER Alerts throughout Idaho State.

The Idaho AMBER Alert Statewide Plan takes effect when a local law enforcement agency has determined in its investigation that the incident qualifies under the criteria of the Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan and the local law enforcement agency requests the Idaho State Communications Center to initiate activation of the EAS and the AMBER Alert Web Portal.

The Idaho AMBER Alert Statewide Plan recognizes approved local AMBER Alert Plans, which specify local law enforcement agency procedures to investigate a child abduction case, coordinate community response, and direct the recovery of an abducted child.

III. AMBER Alert Activation Approval and Scope

The Idaho AMBER Alert Statewide Plan does not prevent a Local Law Enforcement Agency (LEA) from activating their local AMBER Alert Plan. It does, however, exclude the LEA from activating the Emergency Alert System, using the "Child Abduction Emergency" Code.

When the LEA decides to activate the Idaho AMBER Alert Statewide Plan, Idaho State Police will validate the request with the LEA according to Section V. All activations of the Idaho AMBER Alert Statewide Plan are statewide in scope.

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Idaho State Police activates the following agencies through the AMBER Alert Web Portal:

- Idaho State Communications Center
- Idaho State Lottery Commission
- Missing Children Clearing House

Idaho State Communications Center authenticates, notifies/activates the following:

- Emergency Alert System
- National Weather Service
- ITD Dynamic Message Signs (DMS)
- ITD Highway Advisory Radio (HAR) (currently not in place)
- ITD 511 Traveler Information Phone Service (October 2005)

The local Law Enforcement Agency identifies and activates the following:

- Local LEA point of contact
- Media and other law enforcement agencies point of contact
- Call Center and 800 telephone number for hot tips

IV. Governance of the Statewide AMBER Alert Plan

Local and State law enforcement, broadcasters, and emergency management officials combine their efforts through the following statewide AMBER Alert governance model to recover abducted children.

Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee

Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security

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The Idaho State AMBER Alert Advisory and Review Committee provide administrative oversight to develop, implement, review, and recommend revisions to all aspects of the Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert Plan. This Plan may be amended or modified at any time by mutual consent of the parties hereto. The committee conducts After Action Reviews of all AMBER Alert activations and evaluates the effectiveness and timelines of key decisions, actions, and results. The committee also assesses the AMBER Alert Web Portal usability and recommends improvements.

State Emergency Communications Committee

The Federal Communications Committee (FCC) delegates authority to the State Emergency Communications Committee (SECC) to create the State of Idaho Emergency Alert System Plan (EAS) and manage EAS operations in Idaho. Broadcasters must comply with the State EAS Plan to be in compliance with FCC regulations.

V. AMBER Alert Criteria

All elements must be met for an incident to qualify for issuance of an AMBER Alert:

1. *A child is known by law enforcement officials to have been abducted;*
 - a) The child is *not* simply missing/runaway/lost; abduction *must* be known
2. *The abduction occurred within 12 hours of initial activation of AMBER Alert;*
3. *The child must be 18 years or younger, or with a proven mental or physical disability, and police must believe that the child has been abducted (unwillingly taken from his or her environment without permission from the child's parent or guardian);*
4. *Law enforcement must believe the child is in imminent danger of serious bodily harm or death;*
5. *There must be enough descriptive information to believe that an AMBER Alert will assist in the recovery of the child (must include as much of the following information as possible);*
 - a) Where the abduction took place;
 - b) A specific physical description of the child (can include clothing worn when last seen; height, weight, age, hair and eye color, hair length, any additional distinguishing physical characteristics);
 - c) A physical description of the abductor can include approximate height, weight, hair color/length, eye/skin color, clothing; any distinguishing physical characteristics;
 - d) Place last seen; direction of travel if known;

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- e) Description of the vehicle should include color, year, make, body model, license number, and state.

VI. Follow-up Announcement Schedule

Following the broadcast of an Emergency Alert System AMBER Alert through the State Microwave System, the alert will be forwarded through broadcast media outlets. Broadcasters will not transmit any update information or a cancellation message.

At this time and throughout the alert, broadcasters should refer to the AMBER Alert Web Portal at <http://www.IdahoAMBERAlert.com> as the single source for the latest detailed AMBER Alert information and photos. The Idaho State Police will update information to the Web Portal as it becomes available. The Web Portal will automatically forward simultaneous notification that new information is available to broadcasters, law enforcement, the public, and many partners who forward AMBER Alerts to a wide selection of audiences.

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VII. Notification Procedures

The following diagram reflects the AMBER Alert process for participating agencies.

<i>Process Event</i>	<i>Law Enforcement Agencies (LEA)</i>	<i>Idaho State Police (ISP)</i>	<i>Idaho State Communications Center</i>	<i>Broadcasters</i>	<i>Idaho Transportation Dept. (ITD)</i>	<i>Idaho State Lottery</i>
AMBER Alert: Criteria met	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Investigate and compile initial information 2. Determine AMBER Alert criteria is met 3. Notify ISP and request AMBER Alert activation 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. LEA calls ISP with AMBER Alert information 2. Validate 3. Initiates Web Portal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive AMBER Alert information from Web Portal 2. Issue AMBER Alert via EAS using "CAE" Code 3. Activate Dynamic Messages Signs statewide. 4. Activate Highway Advisory Radio statewide 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive the AMBER Alert via EAS 2. Receive the AMBER Alert via Web Portal 3. Broadcast AMBER Alert 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Comm Ctr activates Dynamic Message Signs (8 hrs. max) 2. State Comm Ctr posts AMBER Alert message on 511 and HAR 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive AMBER Alert via Web Portal 2. Send AMBER Alert to 143 Starlet message boards 3. Print AMBER Alert on all "on-line" lottery tickets 4. 900 retail stores place AMBER Alert on front door

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AMBER Alert criteria not met:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive notification of failure to meet criteria from ISP 2. Utilize other means (from ISP) to communicate “missing child” information 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Notify LEA of failure to meet criteria. 				
Issue Updated AMBER Alert	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Transmit updated information to ISP 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Update information on Web Portal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive updated information via Web Portal 2. Update the Dynamic Message Signs and Highway Advisory Radio upon request of LEA 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive updated information via Web Portal. 		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive updated information via Web Portal

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Cancel AMBER Alert	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Determine AMBER Alert is no longer warranted 2. Request ISP to cancel AMBER Alert 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive cancellation request from LEA 2. Cancel AMBER Alert on Web Portal 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive cancellation notice via Web Portal 2. Cancel AMBER Alert notification on Dynamic Message Signs 3. No EAS cancellation required 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive cancellation notice via Web Portal 2. No EAS cancellation required 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. State Comm Ctr removes messages from DMS, HAR, and 511 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Receive cancellation via Web Portal 2. Cancel AMBER Alert notification

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VIII. Termination Procedure

When the abducted child has been located or the LEA deems the activation is no longer warranted, the LEA notifies Idaho State Police (ISP) to terminate the AMBER Alert. ISP enters the termination into the AMBER Alert Web Portal. Idaho State Communications Center receives termination notice from AMBER Alert Web Portal and removes the AMBER Alert message from the Dynamic Message Signs and the Highway Advisory Radio equipment. The AMBER Alert Web Portal notifies the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security, all law enforcement agencies registered with the web portal, Idaho State Communications Center, Idaho Lottery Commission, Idaho Broadcasters, and National Weather Service that the AMBER Alert has been cancelled.

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IX. Approval and Concurrence

On behalf of local and state law enforcement, agencies providing emergency management, transportation, and Idaho broadcasters, the undersigned agree to establish and adopt this Idaho Statewide AMBER Alert plan.

Executive Sponsor	Signature	Date
State of Idaho <i>--The Governor</i> Dirk Kempthorn		
Idaho Military Division <i>--The Adjutant General</i> General Larry LaFrenz		
Idaho State Bureau of Homeland Security <i>--Director</i> William Bishop		
Idaho State Police Idaho Missing Children Clearing House <i>-- Director</i> Colonel R. Dan Charboneau		
Idaho Association of Sheriffs <i>--President</i> Chuck Reynolds		
Idaho Chiefs of Police Association <i>--President</i> Mark Lockwood		
Idaho Department of Health & Welfare <i>--Director</i> Karl Kurtz		
Idaho State Lottery Commission <i>-- Director</i> Roger Simmons		
Idaho State Transportation Department <i>--Director</i> David S. Ekern		
Idaho State Broadcasters Association <i>--President & CEO</i> Connie Searles		
National Weather Service – Boise, Idaho <i>--Meteorologist in Charge</i> John Jannuzzi		

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This is an activation of the AMBER Alert System. This is the _____.
(Name of Governmental Agency)

We have just received this important information regarding an abducted child in

_____. The _____ (is/are)
(Area, District, City and/or County) (Law Enforcement Jurisdiction(s))

looking for a child who was last seen at _____
(Location)

and is believed to be in danger. The child's name is _____. He/She is
(Name)

a _____-year old, _____ with _____ hair and was last seen wearing _____
(Age) (Gender) (Color)

_____. Authorities say the child may be in the
(Description of clothing)

company of _____ and they may be traveling in a
(Name, Description, clothing, etc.)

_____ which was last seen heading _____
(Vehicle color, year, make, body model, license plate #, and state)

_____. If you have any information on the whereabouts of
(Direction and street/city location)

this child, _____, please contact _____ immediately.
(Name or Description of Child) (Contact telephone number)

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Appendix B: AMBER Alert EAS Message Script for Multiple Children and Abductors

This is an activation of the AMBER Alert System. This is the _____.
(Name of Governmental Agency)

We have just received this important information regarding children abducted in
_____. The _____ (is/are)
(Area, District, City and/or County) (Law Enforcement Jurisdiction(s))

looking for children who were last seen at _____
(Location)
and believed to be in danger.

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Hair Color: _____

Clothing Description: _____

Child's name: _____ Age: _____ Gender: _____ Hair Color: _____

Clothing Description: _____

Authorities say the children may be in the company of _____

and _____. They may be traveling in a

(Vehicle color, year, make, body model, license plate #, and state)

and last seen heading _____
(Direction and street/city location)

If you have any information on the whereabouts of these children, please contact
_____ immediately.

(Contact agency, telephone number)

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